

The COVID-19 Snapshot is the American Hospital Association's look at what America's hospitals and front-line workers are facing as they provide care during the public health emergency. America's hospitals and health systems continue to face historic challenges, including unprecedented financial pressures. It is vitally important that hospitals and health systems receive further support and resources to ensure that they can continue to deliver critical care for patients and communities.

BY THE NUMBERS: COVID-19 IN THE U.S.

3,412,122

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions
(August 1, 2020 – November 29, 2021)

Source: CDC | COVID Data Tracker

37.1%

increase in hospital drug expenses per adjusted discharge compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019

Source: Nov. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

9.3%

decrease in ED visits compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019

Source: Nov. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

48,696,370

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.
(as of 12/2)



(599,691 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

782,109

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.
(as of 12/2)



(6,378 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

States with the highest percent increase in COVID-19 admissions from the prior week:
(as of 11/29)

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| 1. CT – 32% | 4. IL – 26% |
| 2. IN – 27% | 5. MS – 20% |
| 3. RI – 26% | |

Source: COVID-19 Community Profile Report | beta.HealthData.gov

FROM THE FRONT LINES



“A rubber band can be stretched only so far before it snaps. We're very close to that point. Exhausted nurses. Exhausted doctors. Please help us help you.”

Keith Frey, M.D. | chief physician executive, Dignity Health

IN THE NEWS

A flood of covid patients causes 'almost unmanageable' strain in Michigan as cases rise nationwide

– The Washington Post –

New York City May Be at Start of Winter Surge of Covid-19

– Bloomberg Law –

Connecticut Virus Infections Twice as High in Low-Vax Areas

– Associated Press –

Another winter surge of COVID-19 predicted in Ohio

– Dayton Daily News –

Hospitals' growing labor expenses drive another month of shrinking margins, Kaufman Hall says

– Fierce Healthcare News –

Arkansas Sees Its Biggest COVID-19 Case Jump Since September

– Associated Press –